

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-14, 17-19 and 22-24 are presented for examination, with claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16, 20 and 21 having been withdrawn, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant has already elected Species III (identified by the Examiner as corresponding to Figs. 8-13).

In response to the December 6, 2006 Office Action, applicant hereby identifies claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-14, 17-19 and 22-24 as reading on elected Species III (of note, the Examiner had indicated on page 2 of the original Restriction Requirement issued on September 20, 2006 that claims 1, 2, 10-14 and 22-24 are generic).

Of note, applicant specifically reserves the right to add generic claim(s) during the prosecution of the application. In addition, applicant specifically reserves the right to file divisional application(s) directed to any non-elected invention/species.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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